

OUR PURPOSE



*Loving God
Welcoming All
Serving Neighbors
Together through
Jesus Christ*

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun., Apr 2 - **COLOSSIANS 1:7-12** *Palm Sunday*
 Mon., Apr 3 - **1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24** *Choose to Rejoice*
 Tue., Apr 4 - **ROMANS 10:16-21** *Ears to Hear*
 Wed., Apr 5 - **PSALM 116:1-7** *In Your Hands*
 Thu., Apr 6 - **JOHN 13:31-35** *Maundy Thursday*
 Fri., Apr 7 - **MATTHEW 26:36-46** *Good Friday*
 Sat., Apr 8 - **MATTHEW 27:38-46** *Trust in God*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

OFFICE INFORMATION

COORDINATOR HOURS

Monday-Friday, 9am-Noon

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Please contact the office at 301-349-2010, office@pmumc.org, or visit www.pmumc.org

PHONE MESSAGES

Messages sent to designated email accounts.

EMERGENCIES

For immediate pastoral care, please email Pastor Tim at PastorTim@PMUMC.org

CHURCH GIVING

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING *(last 8 weeks)*
\$7,500.19

WAYS TO GIVE:

- **PLACE** in Offering Plate when entering/exiting Worship Service
- **MAIL** to Memorial's PO Box 358
- **DROP** in Memorial's secured mailbox next to entrance
- **ELECTRONICALLY** via PMUMC.org

CHURCH PERSONNEL & CONTRIBUTORS TO WORSHIP

PASTOR - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Janet Hartz

ORGANIST - Linda Custer

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR - Becky Smalley

HEAD USHER - Dr. Robert Spiker

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Smalley

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Palm/Passion Sunday - April 2, 2023
Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am



Confounding Love



A special welcome to our guests today! Your visit is a blessing and we are glad you are here! As we gather, take time to relax and prepare your heart to listen for God through today's time of prayer, song, and scripture study.

* = Please stand in your heart or posture. UMH = United Methodist Hymnal. TFWS = The Faith We Sing.
Italicized, BOLD Text = recite out loud

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Ride On, Ride On In Majesty

Linda Custer
 by John A. Behnke

Worship Service

Addison S., Acolyte

WELCOME Introductions and Prayer

PRELUDE WITH CONGREGATIONAL PARTICIPATION

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UMH 278

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

led by Ralph Hitchens

LEADER: Retreating no more, Jesus boldly, yet humbly rode into Jerusalem amidst the cheering shouts of the adoring crowds.

PEOPLE: *Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!*

LEADER: Without a hint of retreat, Jesus boldly stood before his accusers; Chiaphus, the Scribes and Elders, and finally Pilate, and offered no defense.

PEOPLE: *Hosanna to the Lamb of God! Blessed is the one who silently assumes the sins of the world! Hosanna in the highest heaven!*

LEADER: Without a hint of retreat, Jesus boldly and bravely went to Golgotha, where he was nailed to the cross.

PEOPLE: *Hosanna to the Suffering Servant! Blessed is the one who comes to take away the sins of the world! Hosanna in the highest heaven!*

***OPENING PRAYER**

led by Ralph Hitchens

O God, we stand at the gate of Jerusalem, hesitant and uncertain; we are reluctant to answer your invitation; we are slow to embark on the journey toward your reign. Grant us the help we need to be your people—the courage to join you in the procession; the selflessness to lay our cloaks before you; the freedom to lift our palms to your glory with loud hosannas; and the knowledge that by your grace we are forgiven. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**—*All Glory Laud, and Honor*

UMH 280

LENTEN MEDITATION & PRAYER

led by Gary Hartz

Loving God, there are so many choices before us every day. Choices offered by our friends, our families, our culture, our own past. Some of them encourage the well-being of the earth, ourselves and our neighbors; others are destructive. Help us to distinguish between them. May we learn from the choices of Jesus and embody compassion, justice, and inclusion in all we say and do. Amen.

LENTEN RESPONSE HYMN—*Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

UMH 357, vs. 6

FIRST READING—*Matthew 21:1-11*

Scott McGrew

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Celebrate and Sing

led by Janet Hartz
 by Joel Raney

SECOND READING—*Matthew 27:11-54*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Confounding Love*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**—*O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done*

UMH 287

OFFERING (Offering Plates in Spurrier Hall)

Rev. Timothy Dowell

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Timothy Dowell

***DOXOLOGY**—*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

COMMUNION—*A Service of Word & Table II w/Musical Setting C
 The Lord's Prayer*

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 UMH 895

COMMUNION HYMN—**SOLOIST**

There Is A Redeemer

Link Hoewing
 by Green/Raney

***CLOSING HYMN**—*Would I Have Answered When You Called*

TFWS 2137

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

POSTLUDE SELECTION

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Linda Custer
 by Redhead/Paxton

SCHEDULE	APRIL 6 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	APRIL 9 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	APRIL 16 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	APRIL 23 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>
LITURGIST	Eleanor Bateman David Melton	Pam Flick Beth Parker	Brenda Boulter Betty Jean Selby	Sandi Baggett Erin Smeller
ACOLYTE	Chloe D.	Chloe D.	Aubrey S.	Evie S.

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

SUN - APR 2 <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Adult Sunday School - Room 6 & Zoom Child and Youth Sunday School - Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service w/Communion-Sanctuary/YouTube
MON - APR 3	7 - 8:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - CANCELED
TUE - APR 4	2 - 4 pm 5:15 - 6:15 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Set-Up for Community Dinner - Kitchen Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - Room 1 Men's Group Meeting - Room 6 Set-Up for Community Dinner - Kitchen & FH
WED - APR 5	3 - 5:30 pm 5:30 - 7 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Set-Up for Community Dinner - Kitchen & FH Community Dinner - Kitchen & Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 8
THU - APR 6 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Maudy Thursday Worship Service w/Communion - Sanctuary Review/Preview w/Pastor Tim - CANCELED Zumba Class - Fellowship Hall
FRI - APR 7		Good Friday
SAT - APR 8	1 - 4 pm	Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - On Location
SUN - APR 9 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Adult Sunday School - Room 6 & Zoom Child and Youth Sunday School - Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service-Sanctuary/YouTube
MON - APR 10	11 am - 12 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Auxiliary VFW Meeting - Room 6 Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
TUE - APR 11	5:15 - 6:15 pm 7 - 9 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - Room 1 Church Council Meeting - Room 6
WED - APR 12	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 8
THU - APR 13	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Review/Preview w/Pastor Tim - <i>via Zoom</i> Zumba Class - Fellowship Hall IOOF #97 Meeting - Room 6
SAT - APR 15	1 - 4 pm	Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - On Location
SUN - APR 16 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	8 - 9:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Breakfast for All - Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Adult Sunday School - Room 6 & Zoom Child and Youth Sunday School - Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service-Sanctuary/YouTube Finance Committee Meeting—All Welcome - Rm 6



DONATE/SHOP/VOLUNTEER
W & F, 2-8pm • Th & Sat, 10am-4pm



Please send all prayer requests to
Prayers@PMUMC.org



Community Dinner is this Wednesday, 5:50-7pm! Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Help is still needed in several areas with lots of spots available for students that would like to earn SSL Hours. To sign up to help visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4dacab28aaf8c70-community#/>



Memorial's **Medical Equipment Loaner** Program is making a difference! To donate or request equipment, contact Eleanor Bateman, 301.461.7898.



Thank you to all that made our Family Easter Celebration so much fun yesterday!



Free Tax Prep at the Poolesville Library through AARP. To get help with your taxes, please call 240-777-2577 to make an appt.



Mar-Apr Upper Room
Daily Devotionals are available on outside bench & entrance.



Review/Preview (Study Sundays' scriptures with Pastor Tim) Thursdays @ 7pm via Zoom - email pastor-tim@pmumc.org to get the link.. **No prep required!**



Nursery is Open!
6mo-4yr olds
Sundays during Worship



Bring Joy - Join the Choir!
For details, email Janet Hartz at gjalaska@verizon.net.



Calling ALL KIDS
Sunday School, 9:30-10:15am

The Men's Group - Tue, Apr 4th. All men invited! We will discuss Adam Hamilton's book, *Words of Life, Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today* - copies available.



GREETERS NEEDED!
Signup on board at the base of the steps. Questions, email bjspike@verizon.net.



22 families are being helped with this program. Food items listed below can be dropped off in the box under the Church Office's window. To deliver packed bags to PES & MES, go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094aa8a82ca75-backpack#/>

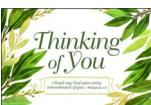
Canned Vegetables • Single serving fruit/applesauce cups • 1 lb bags of rice • 1 lb boxes of pasta • 16 oz jars of peanut butter • Canned tuna • Instant oatmeal packets (plain) • Treats (granola bars/cheese crackers) • 8 oz shelf stable milk • 1 lb bags of dry beans • Canned chicken • Mac & Cheese (multi serving box)

Join Us after worship on May 21st for Fellowship Time and refreshments in our beautiful Memorial Garden! The Columbarium and Memorial Garden Committee will be on hand to answer any questions you might have about niches and memorial scrolls. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!



Help Our Child/Youth Sunday School SHARE GOD'S LOVE

Put the name/address of someone that could use a "Cheer Card" in the folder on the bulletin board in the back of Spurrier Hall.

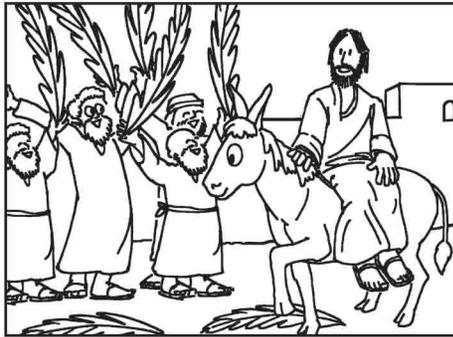


WEEKLY SAYING—Practice makes perfect, so be careful what you practice.

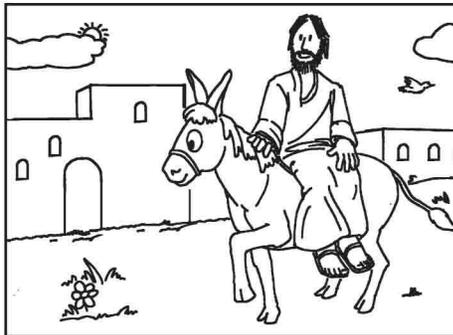
The disciples put cloaks on the donkey and colt. Jesus sat on the donkey. Cloaks and palm branches were spread on the road into Jerusalem.

Put the pictures in the correct order.

1



2



3



The crowd that went ahead of Jesus and those that followed Him shouted "Hosanna!"

Count the number of

Hosanna!

7 or 8 ?

in the picture.

Hosanna!

Hosanna!

Hosanna!

Hosanna!

Hosanna!

Hosanna!

Hosanna!

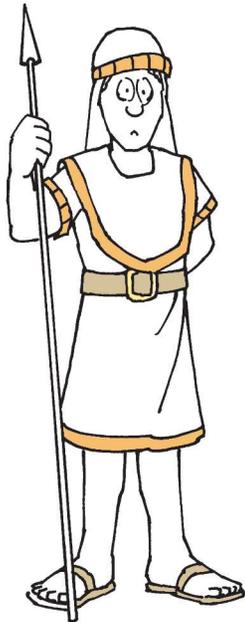
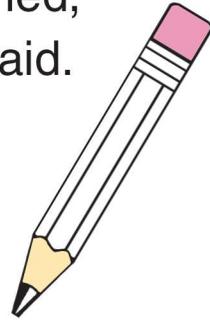
Hosanna!



At that moment the curtain of the temple
was torn in 2 from top to bottom.
The earth shook.

Trace the letters below.

When the soldiers who were
guarding Jesus saw
all that had happened,
they were very afraid.
They shouted,
“Surely He
was the



S o n
o f
G o d !”



Jesus Is Crucified

Jesus had been arrested. He stood
before Pilate, the governor, who asked
Him, “Are You the king of the Jews?”
“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

Circle the 2 pictures that are the same.



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Pilate asked the crowd, "What shall I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

They all answered, "Crucify Him!"

Then soldiers put a red robe on Him, and a crown of thorns on His head.

Connect the dots.

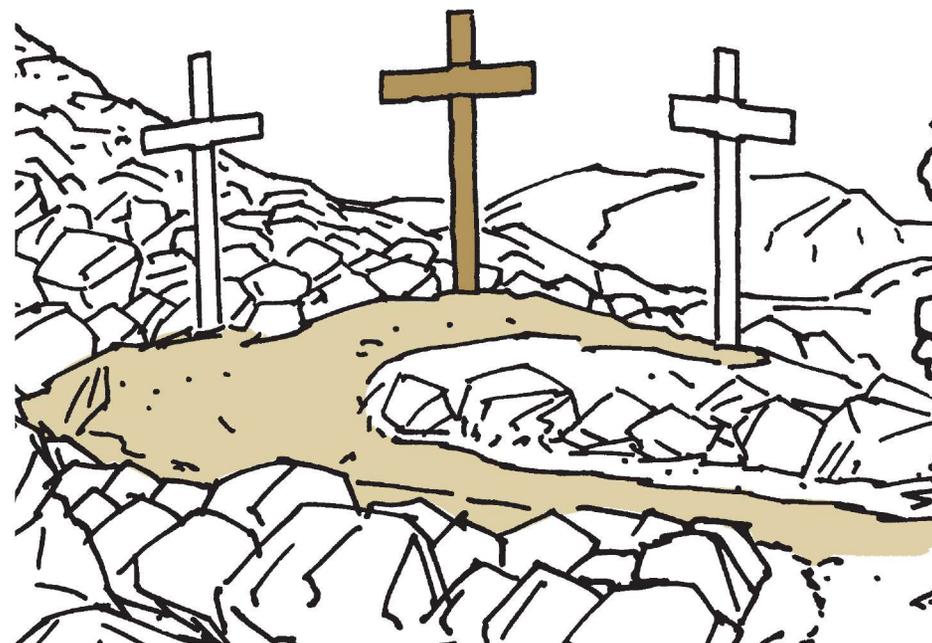
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They put a staff in His right hand, knelt in front of Him and mocked Him. Then they led Him away to crucify Him.

They met a man named Simon, and made him carry the cross to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull").

Draw clouds in the sky.



From noon until 3 in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. And when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, He gave up His spirit.



When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" How did the crowds answer?

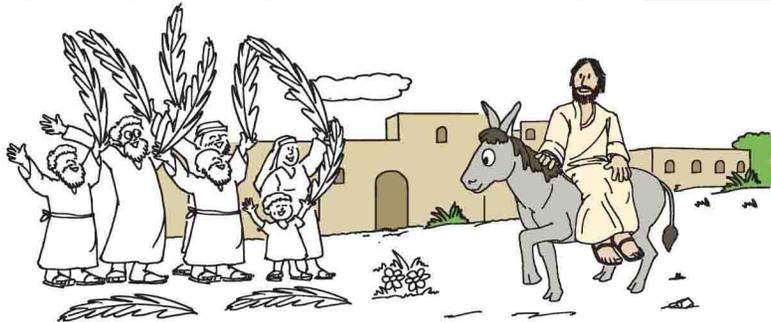
Start with the word provided and follow the directions to find the missing words. Then fill in the blanks below.

1) Crowd

1. Remove "d", and substitute "o" with "s". _____
2. Substitute "w" with "u" and add "s" at the end. _____
3. Remove "r" and add "e" at the end. _____
4. Drop the first letter and add "j" at the end. _____
5. Now reverse the order of the letters. _____

2) Temple

1. Reverse the order of the letters. _____
2. Drop the first letter, and substitute "m" with "r" and "t" with "p". _____
3. Add a "t" at the end. _____
4. Drop the first letter and add an "h" before the "t". _____
5. Substitute "e" with "o" and add an "e" before the "t". _____

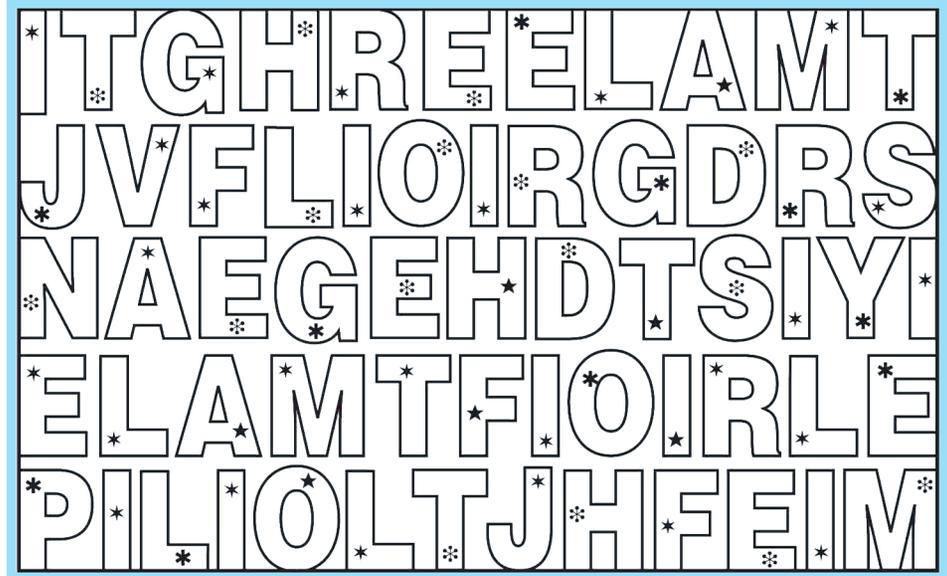


The crowds answered, "This is **1)** _____, the **2)** _____ from Nazareth in Galilee."

Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem

Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me." What did Jesus tell the disciples to say if anyone said anything to them?

Shade in all the shapes that have a * to find the answer.



Jesus said, "Tell him that _____, and he will send them right away."

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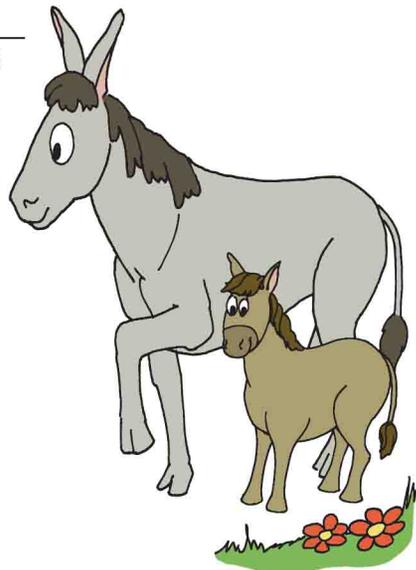
What did the disciples do?

Add the numbers from the intersecting row and column to find the letters to fill in the blanks.



	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	K	N	D	S	L	E	T
2	N	D	S	L	E	T	K
3	D	S	L	E	T	K	U
4	S	L	E	T	K	U	J
5	L	E	T	K	U	J	A
6	E	T	K	U	J	A	C
7	T	K	U	J	A	C	H

T h e y bro g
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What happened then?



Fill in each row of the grid with words that match the clues or instructions. Number 1 has been done for you. Then follow the path through the grid to fill in the blanks.

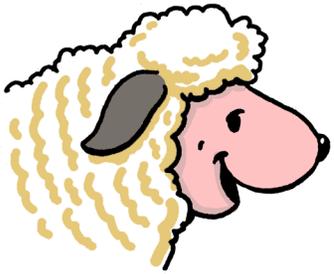
1. The body part above the neck.
2. A speed competition.
3. Opposite of yes.
4. When armies fight.
5. A mother deer.
6. Where we sleep.

Start

C	R	O	H	E	A	D	S	H
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Finish

A very large c r o w d spread their
 _____ on the _____, while
 others _____ from
 the _____ and _____ them
 on the _____. The _____ that
 went ahead of Him and those that followed
 _____, "Hosanna!"

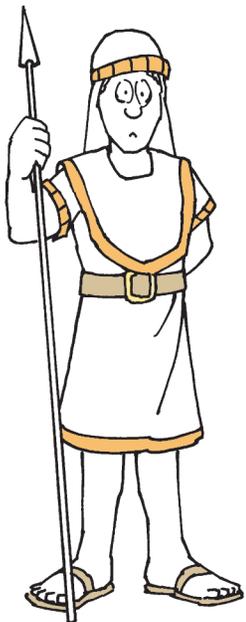


At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook.

Write the letters on the correct blanks below to finish the words.
Hint: The letters are NOT listed in order.

E E E O O O S S S H H

When the centurion (Roman soldier) and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed,



“ ___ur___ly

 H ___

wa ___

t ___

S ___n

 ___f

G ___d!”



Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

April 2, 2023 • Matthew 27:11-54

Jesus Is Crucified

Jesus had been arrested. He stood before Pilate, the governor, who asked Him, “Are You the king of the Jews?” “You have said so,” Jesus replied.

Use the code to fill in the blanks below.

✝ = C	✝ = H	✝ = M	✝ = U
✝ = F	✝ = I	✝ = R	✝ = Y



When the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “What shall I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” They all answered,

“
 ✝ ✝ ✝ ✝ ✝ ✝ ✝
 ✝ ✝ ✝ !”

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Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus and put a scarlet robe on Him, and they twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on His head.

Circle the two pictures that are the same.



They put a staff in His right hand, knelt in front of Him and mocked Him. Then they led Him away to crucify Him.

They met a man named Simon, and forced him to carry the cross to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). Two rebels were crucified with Jesus, one on His right and one on His left. ...

Use the clues given under the blanks to write the missing words.

... From _____ until
12 o'clock

_____ in the
Number between two and four

_____ After morning and before evening

darkness came _____ all the
Opposite of under

land. And when _____ had
Another name for Christ

_____ out in a _____
Opposite of laughed Opposite of quiet

voice, He gave _____ His spirit.
Opposite of down

